

“What issue affects everything from agriculture and industry to public health and the environment?”

Invasive Species.

Invasive species are an environmental and economic problem that cost Americans \$137 billion each year.

What is an invasive species? It's a species that is non-native to Idaho and causes economic or environmental harm or harm to human health. Invasive species include terrestrial and aquatic weeds, microorganisms, insects and other invertebrates, and even birds and mammals.

In 2001, I established the Idaho Invasive Species Council to help stem the tide. All of the stakeholders represented on the Council are doing important work. Now our challenge is to cast our net wider. We need to establish more safeguards to minimize the harmful invasives that reach Idaho. And we need to improve strategies for managing the harmful species that are already here.

The ultimate success of the Idaho Invasive Species Council will depend on our ability to mobilize landowners, local government, industry, non-profits, and scientists.. The purpose of the Invasive Species Summit is to engage stakeholders like you in charting a course to deal with the invasive species scourge. Participants will not only learn more about this critical issue, but will also be asked to provide solutions in the afternoon breakouts.

I look forward to your participation at the Summit, and to hearing your findings.”



Dirk Kempthorne
Governor



Meeting the Challenge: The Governor's Summit on Invasive Species

Owyhee Plaza

1109 Main St. • Boise, Idaho 83702

Tuesday, February 17, 2004

9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Save the date!

Please RSVP by January 30

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Help us start work on a statewide
invasive species action plan!



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The Challenge

Invasive species are damaging Idaho's economy and environment. Yellow starthistle. Eurasian watermilfoil. Hawkweed. Cereal leaf beetle. White pine blister rust. These and many other non-native, nuisance species cost the state millions each year. They threaten agriculture, forestry, wildlife, recreation, and commerce.

We can point to some successes in invasive species management. However, resources are scarce, and the threat is growing. How can Idaho effectively combat invasive species in a tight fiscal environment?

What You Can Do:

Governor Kempthorne invites you to the Idaho Invasive Species Summit. Participants will hear from experts and contribute their ideas on how Idaho can meet the invasive species challenge.



Morning Session

The morning's general session will review the invasive species issue in Idaho, including a risk assessment of some of the most dangerous potential invaders and an overview of invasive species management in the state.

- 9:00-9:05: Welcome and Introduction
Director Pat Takasugi, Chairman, Idaho Invasive Species Council
- 9:05-9:15: Invasive Species Management: A Priority for Idaho
Governor Dirk Kempthorne
- 9:15-9:30: Invasive Species Council Progress Report and Goals for the Summit
Director Pat Takasugi, Chairman, Invasive Species Council
- 9:30-9:45: Legislative Perspective on Invasive Species Management
Darrell Bolz, Representative, District 10
- 9:45-10:15: Biological Risk Assessment: Identifying the Most Dangerous Invaders
TBA
- 10:15-10:30: Break
- 10:30-11:15: Preparing to Meet the Challenge: An Assessment of Invasive Species Management in Idaho
Joe Hinson, Northwest Natural Resources Group
- 11:15-11:45: Moving Toward an Action Plan: How Can You Help?
Rick Collignon, Director, Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation

Lunch - 11:45-1:00

Afternoon Session

The afternoon session will focus on finding solutions to invasive species management issues. In the breakout groups, participants will help shape Idaho's invasive species action plan.

Break Out Sessions - 1:00-2:30

- Terrestrial weeds
- Aquatic and riparian nuisance species
- Forest and urban pests
- Agricultural pests

2:30-2:45: Break

General Session - Bringing It all Together

- 2:45-3:15: Group Reports
Moderator: Rick Waitley, President, Association Management Group
- 3:15-3:45: Capstone Remarks: What Did We Learn Today?
Rick Waitley, President, Association Management Group
- 3:45-4:00: Conclusion and Next Steps
Director Pat Takasugi, Chairman, Invasive Species Council